THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The amount of conversion fee and the date of commencement of the scheme will be finalised only after a decision is taken in the matter.

CCF to Municipalities of Orissa

1993. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the municipalities in Orissa which have been provided assistance from the City Challenge Fund (CCF) to take up reforms during last one year of its existance;

(b) the reasons for delay in formulating norms for utilisation of funds under CCF; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government for proper utilisation of CCF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No assistance has been provided to municipalities in the country, including municipalities of Orissa, from the City Challenge Fund (CCF) during last one year.

(b) and (c) Union of India had sought assistance of the Department for International Development (DFID), U.K. for design of the CCF. The Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad was selected by the DFID for this purpose. The draft policy report and operational guidelines for CCF prepared by ASCI have been discussed by Government with State representatives in a meeting held at Hyderabad on 13.2.03. The norms proposed in the guidelines are under revision and would require approval of Government as per prescribed procedure to ensure proper utilization of CCF.